

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Chandler Veteran's Oasis Park
Reported and picture by George Wall

It was a nice morning with light overhead clouds during the time the group birded. The hardest part was getting there as the two cars hit the morning traffic. Instead of a one hour drive of the 55 miles, it took 1 1/2 hours. The park itself was very nice, but still a little short of Gilbert's Water Ranch. It will take a little more time for all the trees and shrubs to mature. There were four of the ponds with water and the others were dried out. Everyone enjoyed the walk.



The group consisted of Fran Baughman, Pat Calascibett, Tom Ferranti, Ruth Kennedy, Nancy Lewis, Vera Markham, Chuck & Loretta Richards and George Wall (leader).

42 species of birds were seen or heard and they were Gadwall, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, a nice flock of Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Common Gallinule, American Coot, Killdeer, Long-billed Dowitcher, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Verdin (several building nests), Cactus Wren (h), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (showing its ruby crown), Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch and House Sparrow.